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## **WSP Targets Aggressive Drivers on SR 520**

King County troopers targeted aggressive drivers on SR 520 in Redmond on October 28, with a special 2 hour emphasis (from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). The effort netted over 40 tickets being issued with 17 drivers being cited for at least 20mph over the speed limit.

In the last year alone, the WSP received approximately 100 complaints each month through our Aggressive Driving Web site and an additional 1,000 calls each month to our 911 dispatchers. In the King County area alone, there were 478 complaints through the Website last year, accounting for almost half of the complaints received statewide. This year the trend continues as 388 out of the 745 complaints received (or 52%) are in the King County Area.

“This area has received numerous complaints for speeding and aggressive driving,” stated Trooper Jeff Merrill, a State Patrol Spokesman. “This is an ongoing effort to support our goals of reducing collisions, increasing seat belt compliance and targeting aggressively driven vehicles.”

Troopers were positioned on the overpass at NE 51<sup>st</sup> and monitored the eastbound lanes of travel, while additional troopers were stationed on the ramp ready to pull over those offenders targeted by the enforcement.

An aggressive driver is defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as "The commission of two or more moving violations that is likely to endanger other persons or property, or any single intentional violation that requires a defensive reaction of another driver."

For more information about the WSP aggressive driving program, please visit our Web site at <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/traveler/roadrage.htm>.

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